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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-14,16-45,47-52,72-77 and 79-92 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-14,16-45,47-52,72-77 and 79-92 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 September 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This action is in reply to the request for continued examination filed on 02 April 2010.
2. Claims 2, 15, 46, 53-71 & 78 have been canceled.
3. Claims 87-92 have been added.
4. Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23-25, 30-33, 42, 43, 47-50, 72-74, 79, 80, 82 and 84-86 have been amended.
5. Claims 1, 3-14, 16-45, 47-52, 72-77 and 79-92 are currently pending and have been examined.

Information Disclosure Statement

6. The Information Disclosure Statements filed on 18 October 2004, 14 December 2004, 02 March 2009 & 02 April 2010 have been considered. An initialed copy of the Form 1449 is enclosed herewith.

Priority

7. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

8. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 02 April 2010 has been entered.

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Claim Objections

9. Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities: The claim discloses a *method according to claim 26*, however the Examiner believes this is a typo and the claim should read **a method according to claim 6**. Appropriate correction is required.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to Claims 1, 3-14, 16-45, 47-52, 72-77 and 79-86 received on 02 April 2010 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

11. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

12. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

13. Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14, 16-32, 34-37, 43-45, 47, 50-52, 72-77, 79-82, 84-90 & 92 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ice US Patent Number 6,598,031 B1 in view of Robinson US 2003/0061172 A1.

As per claim 1, 48, 49 & 50

Ice discloses:

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- *generating a single use transaction request identification with a transaction manager (column 4, lines 54-57)*
- *storing the generated single use transaction request identification in a relationship with an identifier of a registered user and banking information of the registered user in a storage of the transaction manager apparatus; (column 4, lines 54-57)*
- *sending the generated single use transaction request identification to the registered user from the transaction manager (column 4, lines 60-63);*
- *receiving at the transaction manager apparatus a payment request comprising a received user identifier, a value and information for making a fund transfer of the value from the registered user identified by the received user identifier to an identified recipient, the payment request also including a received transaction request identification; (column 5, lines 43-53 & column 5, lines 61-64)* Ice does not explicit state a value but it is inherent in the teaching that the transaction cannot be approved without a value;
- *determining the validity of the received payment request by checking the validity of the received transaction request identification and whether the received transaction request identification is stored in a relationship with the received user identifier with the transaction manager apparatus; (column 5, lines 43-56);*
- *disabling re-use of the single use transaction request identification (Column 6, lines 5-9)*
- *sending an EFT request to a financial institution system to transfer the value in funds from the registered user to the recipient, only if the received payment request is valid, the EFT request including the banking information, (column 5, lines 61-65);*
- *receiving at the transaction manager apparatus confirmation of the transfer from the financial institution when the transfer is performed (column 5, lines 61-65)*
- *sending a confirmation message from the transaction manager apparatus to one or more of the group consisting of the user and the recipient (column 5, lines 61-65).*

Ice does not disclose the following, however Robinson does:

- *a registered user (Abstract)*

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- *such that the financial institution is able to check whether sufficient funds are present in a user's financial institution account and, in the event that sufficient funds are present the financial institution is able to perform the transfer according to the EFT request (paragraph 0074);*

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice with the technique of Robinson because it is a quick, easy and convenient way to register and verify the user's and merchant's identity to the system.

As per claim 3, 51 & 52

Ice discloses:

- *the transaction request identification is a random number (paragraph 0040).*

As per claim 4

Ice discloses:

- *the transaction request identification is generated using a formula (paragraph 0025).*

As per claim 6

Ice discloses:

- *the payment request comprises a component provided by the registered user (Column 1, lines 2-3).*

As per claim 7

Ice discloses:

- *the recipient is provided with a further combination of the transaction request identification and the user provided component (column 5, lines 61-65).*

As per claim 8

Ice discloses:

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- *the banking information related to the transaction request identification includes a credit card or debit card number, a card expiry date and a cardholder name (column 1, lines 43-46).*

As per claim 9

Ice discloses:

- *the banking information includes a bank account number (column 5, lines 21-24).*

As per claim 10

Ice discloses:

- *the banking information includes bank account type and bank account holder information (paragraph 0036: Ice does not explicitly disclose bank account type however it is inherent that if the verification system checks the validity of the credit card indicating whether the type of bank account is valid).*

As per claim 11

Ice discloses the limitations as shown in the rejection of Claim 1 above. Ice does not disclose the limitation of *registering an unregistered user prior to the generation of the transaction request identification*. However, Robinson, in the Abstract discloses "System users register at least one biometric identifier, personal and/or business identity -verifying data, and financial account information."

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice with the technique of Robinson because it is a quick and easy way to verify the user.

As per claim 12

Ice discloses the limitations as shown in the rejection of Claim 1 above. Ice does not disclose the limitation of *registration of the user comprises creating of a transaction manager user account, and the identifier of the registered user is a transaction manager account number allocated by the transaction*

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account manager. However, Robinson, in paragraph 0036 discloses “one or more financial account (e.g. checking, credit, or value); and a consumer may choose a SID from any of the previously listed numbers, may create a SID, provided the SID is unique to the central database 102, or may choose from system suggested ID numbers.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice with the technique of Robinson because it is a quick and easy way to set up a user account and verify the user.

As per claim 14

Ice discloses:

- *the transaction manager apparatus receiving the user provided component from the user independently from and before receiving the purchase request and storing the user provided component in the storage in a relationship with the identifier of the registered user (column 3, lines 66-67, column 4, lines 16-20, column 4, lines 50-53, column 4, lines 54-57 & column 4, lines 60-62).* The user swiping the card provides the first 16 digits before receiving and storing the purchase request and the generation of the single use number.

As per claim 16

Ice discloses:

- *wherein determining the validity of the received payment request further comprises comparing the user provided component received in the payment request with the stored user provided component and determining that the payment request is invalid when the user provided component is not the same as or based on the stored user provide component (column 5, lines 47-53)*

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As per claim 17

Ice discloses:

- *the user provided component comprises a secret identification of the user known to the registered user (column 3, lines 66-67, column 4, lines 7-11)*

As per claim 18

Ice discloses the limitations as shown in the rejection of Claim 1 above. Ice does not disclose the limitation of *storing the transaction request identification in association with a transaction limit, and with a transaction limit override password wherein the transaction manager apparatus does not send the EFT request if the value is above the transaction limit and the transaction limit override password is not received in the payment request*. However, Robinson, in paragraph 0087 discloses "Such pre-set parameters may include but are not limited to consumers setting a limit on how much may be spent out of a specific account."

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice with the technique of Robinson because it is a quick and easy way to provide added security to the user.

As per claim 19

Ice discloses:

- *sending the registered user another single use transaction request identification from the transaction manager apparatus upon receipt at the transaction manager apparatus of a request by the registered user (column 6, lines 5-9)*

As per claim 20-22

Ice discloses the limitations as shown in the rejection of Claim 1 above. Ice does not disclose the limitation of *the registering a merchant with the transaction manager apparatus as one of a number of possible recipients, registration of the merchant comprises the transaction manager apparatus providing*

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the merchant with a merchant identification and the transaction manager apparatus storing merchant banking information in a relationship with the merchant identification, wherein the purchase request received by the transaction manager apparatus includes the merchant identification. However, Robinson, in at least Paragraph 0037 discloses "Merchant accounts comprise information useful for authenticating a merchant, associating a merchant with a financial account, and completing transactions. By way of illustration and not as a limitation, a merchant account may comprise a SID, merchant location, and a phone number; a list of terminal ID numbers (TIDs) of the terminals designated to perform system functions; one or more financial accounts; and enrollment and transaction approval/decline parameters."

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice with the technique of Robinson because it is a quick, easy and convenient way to register and verify the merchant identity to the system.

As per claim 23

Ice discloses:

- *the registered user requesting purchase of a product or service having the value from the merchant and the merchant providing the payment request to the transaction manager apparatus (column 5, lines 43-53 & column 5, lines 61-64)* Ice does not explicit state a value but it is inherent in the teaching that the transaction cannot be approved without a value;

As per claim 24

Ice discloses:

- *the registered user nominating an item for purchase and a merchant device of the recipient constructing the purchase request including determining the value in the purchase request based on the nominated item (column 5, lines 12-16).* Ice does not explicit state a value but it is inherent in the teaching that the transaction cannot be approved without a value.

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As per claim 25

Ice discloses:

- *checking the validity of the received transaction request identification in the payment request comprises checking whether the transaction request identification received in the payment request is the same as or derived from the stored transaction request identifier stored in the relationship with the user identifier (column 5, lines 43-56);*

As per claim 26

Ice discloses:

- *combining the transaction request identification and the user provided component by hatching the transaction request identification and the user provided identification component (column 4, lines 7-11).*

As per claim 27

Ice discloses:

- *disabling of the use of the transaction request identification is comprises removing the relationship between the transaction request identification and the user's transaction manager account number (column 6, lines 33-42)*

As per claim 28

Ice discloses:

- *user provided component comprises a secrete identification of the user known to the registered user and recorded in the financial institution (column 4, lines 7-11: Pin).*

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As per claim 29

Ice discloses:

- *disabling use of the transaction request identification includes the step of adding the transaction request identification to a spent list, the spent list being used to ensure a transaction request identification is not reused (column 6, lines 5-9);*

As per claim 30

Ice discloses:

- *the EFT request sent to the financial institution comprises the user's banking information the value and merchant account banking information and sent to the financial institution system to transfer the funds according to a standard electronic fund transfer process (column 5, lines 61-67 & column 6, lines 1-4).*

As per claim 31

Ice discloses the limitations as shown in the rejection of Claim 1 above. Ice does not disclose the limitation of *the financial institution sending an insufficient funds reply if sufficient funds are not present, whereupon the transaction manager apparatus sends an insufficient funds reply to the recipient.* However, Robinson, in at least Paragraph 0074 discloses "In yet another embodiment, the central database communicates with other financial databases to obtain financial information about the consumer relevant to determining whether or not the consumer has sufficient funds to cover the transaction." Paragraph 0075 discloses "If the transaction is declined, notice is sent to the local device 620, along with a reason the transaction was declined."

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice with the technique of Robinson because it is a quick, easy and convenient way to check for sufficient funds in the users account.

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As per claim 32

Ice discloses:

- *the confirmation message sent from the transaction manager apparatus to the recipient is the same as the confirmation of the transfer received from the financial institution (column 5, lines 61-65)*

As per claim 34

Ice discloses:

- *disabling re-use of the transaction request identification includes the formula for generating the single use transaction request identification including an increment in the next generated transaction identification request (column 6, lines 5-9)*

As per claim 35

Ice discloses:

- *the method of generating the transaction identification includes providing a check sum digit or character in the transaction request identification (column 4, lines 67)*

As per claim 36

Ice discloses:

- *the transaction request identification is a number (column 4, lines 5-7).*

As per claim 37

Ice discloses:

- *sending a confirmation of the transfer of funds from the transaction manager apparatus to the registered user (column 7, lines 20-24)*

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As per claim 43

Ice discloses:

- *sending the transaction request identification to the portable storage device comprises sending a plurality of transaction request identifications to the portable storage device and storing the identifications in the portable storage device (column 2, lines 24-33)*

As per claim 44

Ice discloses:

- *sending a plurality of transaction request identifications may be provided to the user (claim 27)*

As per claim 45

Ice discloses the limitations as shown in the rejection of Claim 1 above. Ice does not disclose the limitation of *the transaction manager apparatus managing a plurality of registered users each having a plurality of transaction request identifications available for use in making a purchase*. However, Robinson, in at least Paragraph 0012 discloses "The system of the invention comprises registration of a plurality of merchants, employees, and consumers so that these parties may conduct enrollment, transaction, and account access functions within the system."

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice with the technique of Robinson because it is a quick, easy and convenient way to register and verify the merchant's and user's identity to the system.

As per claim 47

Ice discloses:

- *selecting the financial institution from a plurality of financial institutions according to the bank information retrieved according to the payment request after the payment request is validated (column 5, lines 61-65).*

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As per claim 72

Ice discloses:

- *recording a user identifier for each of at least one user registration in the transaction manager apparatus (column 4, lines 16-20 & column 2, lines 24-28).*

As per claim 73

Ice discloses:

- *the payment request comprises recipient identifier indicative of recipient account for receipt for the funds transfer (column 5, lines 61-67 & column 6, lines 1).*

As per claim 74

Ice discloses:

- *retrieving the stored transaction request identification from within the storage of the transaction manager apparatus based on the received user identifier for determination whether the received transaction request identification is stored in a relationship with the received user identifier (column 5, lines 50-57).*

As per claim 75

Ice discloses:

- *identifying the registered user when a remotely located electronic device of the registered user connects to the transaction manager apparatus (column 2, lines 17-23).*

As per claim 76

Ice discloses:

- *generation of the single use transaction request identification occurs when the registered user is identified (column 4, lines 25-30 & column 4, lines 54-57).*

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As per claim 77

Ice discloses:

- *terminating the transaction when the received transaction request identifier is not validated (column 5, lines 50-53).* It is inherent in Ice that if I match is not found then the decoded data is not returned to the gateway server.

As per claim 79

Ice discloses:

- *the confirmation message is sent from the transaction manager apparatus to a merchant electronic device of the recipient (column 5, 65-67 & column 6, lines 1).*

As per claim 80

Ice discloses:

- *the registered user causes the transaction request identification to be sent from a user electronic device to the merchant electronic device (column 5, lines 1-11).*

As per claim 81

Ice discloses:

- *the merchant electronic device sends the payment request to the transaction manager apparatus (column 5, lines 12-16).*

As per claim 82

Ice discloses the limitations as shown in the rejection of Claim 1 above. Ice does not disclose the limitation of *receiving an insufficient funds message from the financial institution computer system if sufficient funds are not present to conduct the transactional interaction, whereupon the transaction manager apparatus sends an insufficient funds message to the recipient.* However, Robinson, in at least Paragraph 0074 discloses "In yet another embodiment, the central database communicates with other

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financial databases to obtain financial information about the consumer relevant to determining whether or not the consumer has sufficient funds to cover the transaction.” Paragraph 0075 discloses “If the transaction is declined, notice is sent to the local device 620, along with a reason the transaction was declined.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice with the technique of Robinson because it is a quick, easy and convenient way to check for sufficient funds in the users account.

As per claim 84

Ice discloses the limitations as shown in the rejection of Claim 1 above. Ice does not disclose the limitation of *inputting registration information of a prior registered user in to the transaction manager apparatus, the registration information including the banking information*. However, Robinson, in Abstract discloses “System users register at least one biometric identifier, personal and/or business identity-verifying data, and financial account information.”

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice with the technique of Robinson because it is a quick, easy and convenient way to link the accounts with the registered user.

As per claim 85 & 86

Ice discloses:

- *identifying a registered user when a remotely located electronic device of the registered user connects to the transaction manager apparatus (column 2, lines 17-23);*
- *generating a single use transaction request identification with a transaction manager (column 4, lines 54-57)*
- *receiving at the transaction manager apparatus a secret code known to and provided by the identified registered user (column 4, lines 7-11: Pin);*

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- *storing in the transaction manager apparatus the generated single use transaction request identification in association with the user identifier of the identified registered user, the secret code and banking information of the identified registered user for use by a financial institution computer system in association with the user identifier; (column 4, lines 54-57)*
- *sending the generated single use transaction request identification to the registered user from the transaction manager (column 4, lines 60-63);*
- *receiving at the transaction manager apparatus a payment request comprising a request identifier, a user identifier, a recipient identifier, a value and a test code; (column 5, lines 43-53 & column 5, lines 61-64)* Ice does not explicit state a value but it is inherent in the teaching that the transaction cannot be approved without a value;
- *retrieving the stored transaction request identification and the secret code from within the transaction manager apparatus based on the received user identifier (column 6, lines 33-37) ;*
- *determining the validity of the received request identifier by the transaction manager apparatus checking whether the received request identifier is the same as or based on the retrieved transaction request identification and whether the test code is the same as or based on the secret code, and disabling re-use of the single use transaction request identification when the received request identifier is validated, and terminating the transactional interaction when the received request identifier is not validated; (column 5, lines 43-56 & Column 6, lines 5-9);*
- *retrieving the stored banking information of the registered user in the stored data relationship with the received user identifier (column 5, lines 50-57);*
- *sending an EFT request to a financial institution system to transfer the value in funds from the registered user to the recipient, only if the received payment request is valid, the EFT request including the banking information, (column 5, lines 61-65);*
- *receiving at the transaction manager apparatus a first confirmation message from the financial institution computer system when the transactional interaction has been successfully completed according to the EFT request message; and (column 5, lines 61-65)*

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- *sending a second confirmation message from the transaction manager apparatus to a second electronic device when the first confirmation message is received (column 5, lines 61-65).*

Ice does not disclose the following, however Robinson does:

- *recording a user identifier for each of a plurality of user's at least one user registration in a transaction manager apparatus (Abstract);*
- *a registered user (Abstract)*

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice with the technique of Robinson because it is a quick, easy and convenient way to register and verify the user's and merchant's identity to the system.

As per claim 87

Ice discloses:

- *wherein the payment request is constructed from the user identifier and transaction request identifier received from the user (column 4, lines 25-30).*

As per claim 88

Ice discloses:

- *the payment request is also constructed from a user provided secret component sent to the merchant device (column 4, lines 7-11: Pin).*

As per claim 89

Ice discloses:

- *wherein the other account is a financial institution account also held by the registered user (column 3, lines 60-65).*

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As per claim 90

Ice discloses:

- *wherein the EFT request comprises destination bank account information selected from the stored banking information according to the identifier of the other account (column 3, lines 60-65).*

As per claim 92

Ice discloses:

- *wherein the EFT request comprises destination bank account information which is selected from stored banking information of a plurality of recipients according to a recipient identifier in the payment request after the payment request is validated (column 5, line 50-53 & column 5, lines 57-60).*

14. Claims 3-5, 33, 38-42, 83 & 91 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ice in view of Robinson and in further view of **Official Notice**.

As per claim 3 & 4

With regard to the limitation of *the transaction request identification is generated using a random number or a formula*, Ice in column 4, lines 63-67 discloses FIG. 2 is a pictographic view of the 16-digit single-use credit card number 52. The first six digits are an ISO BIN number identifying the payment server 34. The following nine-digits are a transaction number assigned by the payment server 34. The final digit is a checksum digit. Ice does not specifically state *a random number or a formula*. However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well known in the banking arts to generate transaction numbers by formula or a random number generator.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice & Robinson with the technique of **Official Notice** because it is a quick, easy and convenient way to generate transaction numbers that are not repeated which reduces the chances of fraud from predicting the transaction numbers.

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As per claim 5

With regard to the limitation of *the transaction request identification is generated using a random number and a formula*, Ice in column 4, lines 63-67 discloses FIG. 2 is a pictographic view of the 16-digit single-use credit card number 52. The first six digits are an ISO BIN number identifying the payment server 34. The following nine-digits are a transaction number assigned by the payment server 34. The final digit is a checksum digit. Ice does not specifically state *a random number and a formula*. However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well known in the banking arts to generate transaction numbers by formula and a random number generator.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice & Robinson with the technique of **Official Notice** because it is a quick, easy and convenient way to generate transaction numbers that are not repeated which reduces the chances of fraud from predicting the transaction numbers.

As per claim 33

With regard to the limitation of *confirmation message sent from the transaction manager to the merchant is created by the transaction manager apparatus and is different to the confirmation of the transfer received from the financial institution*; Robinson, in at least Paragraph 0074 discloses "In yet another embodiment, the central database communicates with other financial databases to obtain financial information about the consumer relevant to determining whether or not the consumer has sufficient funds to cover the transaction." Paragraph 0075 discloses "If the transaction is declined, notice is sent to the local device 620, along with a reason the transaction was declined." However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well known in the banking arts to provide a different confirmation message to the merchant.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice & Robinson with the technique of **Official Notice** because it is an easy and convenient way to notify the transaction has been completed.

As per claim 38-40

With regard to the limitation of *the confirmation sent to the registered user is an e-mail message, the transaction request identification is to the registered user via the Internet and the transaction request identification is sent to the registered user by a telephone interface system*; Robinson in paragraph 0045 discloses “Parties interested in enrolling in the invention's system further have the option to pre-enroll, that is provide a partial enrollment, by providing only a portion of the required enrollment information, for the invention's services via a computer 104, a kiosk 128, or a wireless device 122, which is connected to a network, preferably but without limitation the Internet, which is connected to the invention's central database 102.” However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well known in the banking arts to provide a confirmation messages through email, the internet or the phone.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice & Robinson with the technique of **Official Notice** because it is a quick and easy way of providing confirmation of the completion of transactions.

As per claim 41 & 42

With regard to the limitation of *sending the transaction request identification to the registered user comprises sending the transaction request identification to a portable storage device held by the user and sending the transaction request identification from the portable storage device to the recipient*. Ice in column 3, lines 22-31 discloses “This apparatus includes a personal computer terminal, generally indicated as 10, which is connected by conventional means to a public network 12, such as the Internet, operating over a public switched telephone network. The personal computer terminal 10 includes a personal computer 14, a keyboard 16, a display unit 18, all of which may be conventional devices. The personal computer 14 includes a processor 20 and a storage device 22, which is used to store data and to store instructions forming a program executing in the processor 20.” Column 3, lines 36-41 discloses “The personal computer terminal 10 is also particularly configured to facilitate the generation and transmission of encrypted information, facilitating the use of the terminal 10 to purchase products and

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services and to direct bank transactions over the public network 12, while consistently maintaining a high level of security.” Ice does not explicitly disclose *a portable storage device*. However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well known in the arts that personal computers are also portable storage devices.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice & Robinson with the technique of **Official Notice** because it is a quick and easy way of providing confirmation of the completion of transactions.

As per claim 83

With regard to the limitation of *sending a plurality of transaction request identifications to a user's electronic device in one transfer*; Ice in column 2, lines 24-30 discloses “The data base stores first and second data structures. The first data structure includes a first plurality of single-use credit card numbers, a serial number of an encryption unit associated with each single-use credit card number in the first plurality of single-use credit card numbers and found by locating the single-use credit card number in the plurality of single-use credit card number.” Ice does not explicitly disclose sending to an electronic device in one transfer. However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well known in the banking arts to provide a plurality of transaction numbers to a user for one-time use.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice & Robinson with the technique of **Official Notice** because it is an easy and convenient way to send transaction requests to the user.

As per claim 91

With regard to the limitation of *wherein the generated single use transaction request identifier is only sent to the registered user once the registered user is identified to the satisfaction of the transaction manager apparatus, wherein identifying the registered user occurs when a remotely located electronic device of the registered user connects to the transaction manager apparatus*. Ice in column 5, line 50-53 discloses “When a match is found, the payment server reads the serial number associated with the

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single-use credit card number in the data structure 50, and searches the data structure 48 for this serial number" & column 5, lines 57-60 discloses "this decoded data is returned to the gateway server 58 which provided the single-use credit card number, providing the actual number of the credit card 28 in a conventional format." Ice does not explicitly disclose *identifying the registered user occurs when a remotely located electronic device of the registered user connects to the transaction manager apparatus*. However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well known in the banking arts for a terminal to ask for a user verification ID before the user is able to access the terminal.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice & Robinson with the technique of **Official Notice** because it is an easy and convenient way to prevent fraud.

15. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ice in view of Robinson and in further view of Lapsley et al. US 2001/0000535.

As per claim 13

Ice discloses the limitations as shown in the rejection of Claim 1 above. Ice does not disclose the limitation of *the transaction manager apparatus confirming the bank information with the user's financial institution before creation of the transaction manager user account*. However, Lapsley, in claim 157 discloses "In one embodiment, the DPC validates the financial account data submitted during registration. This involves making certain that the financial account being registered is a valid account."

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to [combine/modify] the method of Ice & Robinson with the technique of Lapsley because it is an easy and convenient way to eliminate errors in transactions when using the system.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **KITO R. ROBINSON** whose telephone number is **(571) 270-3921**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Charles Kyle** can be reached on **(571) 272-6746**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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